



Environmental Leader Facility CAMECO INDUSTRIES Thibodaux, LA



Cameco manufactures equipment for the agricultural side of the sugar cane industry, and equipment for the forestry industry. It occupies 65 acres in Lafourche parish with a total of 531,000 square feet of factory under roof. Cameco, now a unit of Deere and Company, also manufactures agricultural sprayers, land leveling scrapers, and a landscaping front end loader. The facility has grown from its founding in 1965 to a facility that today employs 800 individuals.

Pollution Prevention Highlights

- 2000 – Built a shaving storage building to store a shaving Dumpster and waste drums of used oil and Antifreeze.
- 1999 – Governor’s Award for Pollution Prevention.
- 1997 – Built dedicated storage buildings to store paint and other flammable liquids.
- 1997 – Switched to high solids paint system to reduce the amount of emissions and, at the same time, eliminated the generation of used xylene in its paint waste.
- 1997 – Contracted for a Phase II environmental audit of its facility, and removed 840 tons of soil in a clean-up effort.
- 1995 – Tied wash racks into the city sewer after extensive testing and use of daily supervision.

Pollution Prevention Goals

WASTE STREAM	BASELINE YEAR	CURRENT YEAR QUANTITY	TARGET YEAR QUANTITY	COMMENTS
VOC (Kg/metric ton product)	1999 3.213	2000 3.007 2001 2.271	2002 2.250	Switched to low-VOC paints in 1997 Switched to improved paint formulation in 2000

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